

Reports of Shipping and News of Foreign Trade

Shipping Board Plans Further Personnel Cut

Many Disbursing Officers of Construction Department Are To Be Laid Off in Five Chief Centers

Rest Go to Washington

Mack Takes Up Managerial Duties; Old Mail Organization Changes Announced

Severe cuts are to be made in the personnel of disbursing officers in the construction department of the United States Shipping Board in Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Portland, Ore., and San Francisco.

All of the employees who are retained in this branch of the board are to be called in to Washington at once to join the thirty-five members of the staff there. It is estimated that every division of the construction department will be similarly affected, as this feature of the work is rapidly drawing to a close.

Philadelphia is the largest office affected by the new ruling, on account of the work around Hog Island and West Philadelphia, where the board has big housing problems.

There is sufficient money in the treasury of the board to complete the construction program irrespective of the recent appropriation of Congress.

Mack On the Job

J. Kennedy said yesterday that he was nothing new in the developments of the United States Mail problem, that the ships were rapidly being brought under the control of the mail agents operators and that the new flag of the United States Line would in a few months be flying over the nine vessels restored to the government.

August E. Mack took up the duties of manager of the northeastern district of the Atlantic coast yesterday, but declined to make a statement regarding his appointment to the organization department. T. V. O'Connor, one of the Shipping Board Commissioners, was in consultation with him during the afternoon. Mr. O'Connor has charge of the industrial relations of the board.

There is to be a meeting of the stevedores' association next Tuesday, at which time the members of that organization probably will be asked to agree to a cut in wages.

J. Kennedy, general passenger agent of the United States Lines, announced that there already had been bookings for 140 first, 400 second and 1,000 third class passengers on the George Washington, which will sail on Saturday. Mr. Kennedy stuck to his post during the turbulent times of the United States Mail, and it is due largely to his ability that 4,500 agencies were kept intact for the new operators.

Shipping Board Statement

The following statement was issued by the Shipping Board here last night:

"In taking over on the court order of the United States Mail organization the operations of the mail service, the United States Lines has found it impossible to make many cuts in personnel without sacrificing efficiency. Seven officials have been dropped from the rolls, including Charles Mayer, Francis Mayer, Carlos Mayer and Juan Mayer. Twenty-two have been cut from the staff of the executive office. The accounts department personnel have been reduced to twenty-one people, with further reduction to twenty people contemplated as soon as the present passenger force has been organized."

"All of the departments of the business will be reorganized, probably with further reductions in staff, as soon as the present departmental survey is completed."

"The Italian office, which is in charge of Lloyd Sabaudo, has been placed in the hands of J. G. Spanier, Italian representative of the Shipping Board.

"The management of the Paris office has been transferred from Carlos Mayer to H. W. Theobald, who was assistant general manager in that office under the Mail régime."

"The Boston office personnel of the operating department has been eliminated, but the staff of five in the passenger department has been retained. The Philadelphia office is to be closed."

"The crew of the George Washington has been reduced by one hundred, the operating committee believing that the ship was overmanned by this number."

Ship Board Confronts Slash in Lawyers' Pay

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The Shipping Board will be unable to protect the interests of the government in the numerous suits for pay and damages filed by shipbuilders unless a corps of lawyers is employed. Elmer Schlesinger, general counsel of the board, indicated yesterday.

Mr. Schlesinger is confronted with the provision in the Shipping Board appropriation bill which limits the number of men to be retained by the board to twelve of each of the six, at salaries instead of \$11,000 a year. He said to-day that this limitation had been met by the board in the employment of the three vice-presidents in charge of operations, Small, Love and Frey, and also Farley, Mack and Powell, who have been assigned to tasks in connection with the operation and disposition of the vessels.

In the legal department there are not more than seven lawyers of national prominence whose salaries will exceed \$11,000 a year, he said. These officers are listed as special counsel, and they may not come under the Congressional prohibition against high salaries, which is interpreted by the board as referring to men on the pay rolls by the year. These attorneys, Mr. Schlesinger said, were called in on special cases and were not listed as permanent employees.

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Governor's Island... 1:58 2:22 1:58 2:18

Hill Gate... 1:53 1:58 1:58 2:17

Winds of Sea To Day

Hatters to Key West—Gentle to moderate east to south winds; generally fair weather.

East Gulf—Moderate easterly winds; partly overcast weather; local rains over south Gulf—Moderate east and southeast winds; generally fair weather.

Caribbean Sea and Windward Passage—Moderate east and northeast winds; generally fair weather.

North of Sandy Hook—Moderate south and southwest winds; fair weather.

Sandy Hook to Hatters—Gentle variable winds and fair weather.

Arrived Yesterday

From the U. S. Naval Station

10:30 A.M. given in miles. Reports are made at noon.

Artisan 208 S Ambrose Sept. 1

Bayview 25 S Amherst Sept. 1

Blaire 164 E Boston Sept. 1

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Caron 24 S Amherst Sept. 1

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City of Columbus 2140 Ocean Sept. 1

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Corona 25 N Ocean Sept. 1

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Crown 211 N Ocean Sept. 1

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Elk 189 S Scotland L. V. Sept. 1

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